

Christian Health Care Center and in creating a state-of-the-art, on-site day care center. The day care center is operated by the Wyckoff YMCA. We all know that quality childcare is vital for working families. When that childcare is available at the workplace it makes it even more valuable. Knowing that their children are in a safe, learning, and loving environment allows parents to perform better at home and at work. In addition, having the childcare on-site at the workplace allows the parent to have lunch with their child or just "pop in" for a visit.

Mr. Struyk's work at the Christian Health Care Center has truly been amazing. He joined the Center in 1990 as chief financial officer and moved up to CEO and president in 1994. He has created a dynamic and caring organization that has served the surrounding community for many generations. He has inspired many with his personal touch in caring for the elderly.

I speak from personal experience. My beloved mother, Margaret Scafati, was cared for with compassion and professionalism of the highest quality.

In addition to all of this, he is actively building a partnership with the federal government to address many issues facing our society. On April 25, 2001, Mr. Struyk joined us in Washington, D.C. to participate in the first annual Faith-Based Summit. Hundreds of faith-based leaders from across the nation came together at the Summit. Mr. Struyk is a leader in the area and his knowledge and experience was greatly appreciated and of great value.

The Center is a private, non-profit institution, that was established in 1911 by members of the Reformed and Christian Reformed Churches. The mission of the Center is to provide a continuum of high quality services consistent with the Christian principles on which the institution was founded. Care is provided to those in need of long term care, mental health care and residential living in a compassionate loving environment. The Center consists of a 251 bed skilled nursing home, a 40 unit supportive senior housing complex, a residential living facility and a psychiatric hospital. The most recent construction is the 80 unit Longview assisted living facility that includes the new child care center.

Doug Struyk's leadership and dedication is continuing the well deserved reputation of the Christian Health Care Center as one of the finest of the kind in our great nation. Our hearts and prayers go with him and his dedicated staff.

**THE GOOD SAMARITAN TAX ACT:
TO AMEND THE INTERNAL REVENUE
CODE OF 1986 TO CLARIFY
THE AMOUNT OF THE CHARITABLE
DEDUCTION ALLOWABLE
FOR CONTRIBUTIONS OF FOOD
INVENTORY**

HON. AMO HOUGHTON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 1, 2001

Mr. HOUGHTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I am pleased to join my colleagues from Ohio, TONY HALL, in introducing the "Good Samari-

tan Tax Act", a bill that has been introduced in the two previous Congresses. The purpose is to help meet the demand for food for the needy. The economic boom of recent years has not eliminated the need to feed the hungry. In fact, as more and more citizens are removed from the welfare rolls many turn to food banks for help.

A recent U.S. Department of Agriculture report indicated that in 1999, 10 percent of American households, comprising 31 million individuals (including 12 million children), suffer from hunger. According to a recent Conference of Mayors report, demand for emergency food has increased, and over 13 percent of this demand goes unmet.

The bill would increase the incentives for restaurants, farms and other businesses in the food industry to donate food to food banks, homeless shelters and other charitable organizations. The Internal Revenue Code actually discourages contributions because of the uncertainty regarding the tax treatment of donations of food as compared to donations of other inventory. The bill has been designed to correct that deficiency.

We believe this bill would remove the uncertainty and provide the necessary incentive for businesses to increase their food donations. This would be accomplished by adding a provision to Section 170(e) of the Code that would indicate that the fair market value of donated food is determined, (1) without regard to internal policies, lack of market, or similar circumstances, whether the food cannot or will not be sold, and, (2) if applicable, by taking into account the price at which similar products are sold by the taxpayer at the time of contribution. These have been points of controversy with the Internal Revenue Service, causing uncertainty as well as disincentives to incur the administrative and other costs necessary for the proper handling and preservation of food being donated. In addition, Section 170(e) would be amended to include businesses in addition to C corporations, as the current law provides.

We hope our colleagues will join us in co-sponsoring this legislation.

**FBI DIRECTOR FREEH RETIRES
AFTER A PROUD RECORD OF
SERVICE TO HIS NATION**

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 1, 2001

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that today we learned of the planned retirement of FBI Director Louis Freeh, who has served his nation so well. For 27 years he has served his country as an FBI agent, federal prosecutor, and a sitting federal judge, and having worked tirelessly here and around the globe to enhance the rule of law.

Our country will surely miss his dedication, his professionalism and integrity, which he displayed each and every day he served as the Director of our nation's leading federal law enforcement agency, the FBI, as he led the fight against transnational crime and terrorism.

Director Freeh brought vision, foresight, and innovation to the battle against crime and ter-

rorism, both at home and abroad. In the area of foreign crime fighting and the battle against international terrorism, which I am most familiar with, he wisely expanded the FBI's presence abroad to fight transnational crime and international terrorism long before it reached our nation.

I was particularly proud to work hand and hand with Director Freeh in establishing and maintaining the first ever International Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA) in Budapest, Hungary. It is today the model for international training and development of regional cooperative police relationships around the globe. There is now an ILEA operating in Asia, and others planned for Africa, and our own Western Hemisphere. We will miss Director Freeh's vision and leadership.

As he himself said today of those overseas efforts, among others: "These measures already have proven invaluable in the international fight against terrorism, organized crime, cyber-crime, and transnational crimes in the Information Age." We fully agree with his assessment.

Finally, I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing our good friend and fellow New Yorker, Director Louis Freeh, and his family, much success and joy in his future endeavors, whatever, or wherever they maybe in the private sector. He has served our nation and our people well. We all owe him a debt of gratitude.

UNBORN VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE ACT OF 2001

SPEECH OF

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 26, 2001

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I include for the RECORD, the following testimony pursuant to the vote on H.R. 503, the Unborn Victims of Violence Act.

[From the National Right to Life Committee, Inc., Washington, DC]

My name is Shiwona Pace.

On August 26, 1999, I was a 23-year-old college student in Little Rock. I was the mother of two—my five-year-old son, and an unborn baby girl named Heaven Lashay. I had named my baby "Heaven" two months earlier, after an ultrasound test revealed that she was a girl. August 26 was one day before my predicted full-term delivery date.

But that night, three men brutally murdered my unborn baby daughter.

I curled up face down on the floor, crying begging for them to stop beating me. But they did not stop. One shouted, "F*** you! Your baby is dying tonight."

They choked me, punched me, hit me in the face with a gun. They kicked me again and again in the abdomen. After about thirty minutes, they left me sobbing there on the floor.

At the hospital, they found Heaven had died in my womb. She was a perfect baby, almost seven pounds. She almost looked as if she were sleeping.

The assailants were arrested. They had been hired by Erik Bullock, my former boyfriend. He paid them \$400 to kill little Heaven Lashay.

Only a month before, a new state law took effect that recognized unborn children as

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crime victims. If that law had not been enacted, Erik Bullock would have been prosecuted only for the assault on me, but not for the death of my baby.

But thanks to the state law, Bullock was also convicted for his role in killing my baby. The men who attacked me are also being prosecuted for what they did to Heaven.

I tell my story now for one reason: If this same attack occurred today within a federal jurisdiction, the men who killed my baby could be prosecuted only for assault.

That is why I urge members of Congress to support the Unborn Victims of Violence Act (H.R. 503, S. 480), which would recognize unborn children as victims under 68 federal laws dealing with crimes of violence.

I was dismayed to learn that some members of Congress oppose this bill, and insist on adoption of a radically different bill (the Lofgren Amendment) that says that such crimes only have one victim—the pregnant woman.

They are wrong. On the night of August 26, 1999, there were two victims. I lived—but my daughter died. I lost a child and my son lost the baby sister he had always wanted—but little Heaven lost her life.

It seems to me that any congressman who votes for the “one-victim” amendment is really saying that nobody died that night.

And that is a lie.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MONSIGNOR GENE W. MULLETT

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 1, 2001

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join with me and the citizens of Ohio in celebration and commemoration of the Twenty-Fifth year of Monsignor Mullett's service in the Catholic Church.

Whereas, Monsignor's journey began on May 1, 1976 when he was ordained at St. John's Arena by Bishop John Mussi; and,

Whereas, Monsignor has tirelessly dedicated himself since that date in service to God and to his fellow man; and,

Whereas, such institutions of God's will as Saint John's Vianney Parish of Powhatan Point, Saint Anthony's Church of Steubenville, and Saint Michael's Parish of Bellaire, have all benefitted and prospered under his guidance;

Therefore, I invite my colleagues to join with me and the Citizens of Ohio in celebration and commemoration of Monsignor Gene W. Mullett's twenty five years of service to our community.

CLARIFICATION RELATING TO THE INTRODUCTION OF H.R. 1457

HON. LUIS V. GUTIERREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 1, 2001

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, the bill H.R. 1457 was reintroduced in error on April 4, 2001. The correct bill, H.R. 917 (the Federal Living Wage Responsibility Act), was already introduced on March 7, 2001.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF THE AMERICAN
LYME DISEASE FOUNDATION,
INC. ON THE OCCASION OF THE
ALDF ANNUAL GALA BENEFIT

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 1, 2001

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I enthusiastically rise today to honor the American Lyme Disease Foundation, Inc. (ALDF). Established in 1990, ALDF is the nation's most vital public voice in the battle against Lyme disease. From its comprehensive educational campaign to generous support for cutting-edge research, ALDF champions the prevention and treatment of Lyme disease, saving thousands of people each year from the often painful and debilitating symptoms of tick-borne infections.

Lyme disease is the most prevalent vector-borne disease in the United States, with over 145,000 cases reported to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention since 1982. The actual number of cases may be 3–5 times that reported and costs related to tick-borne infections may exceed two billion dollars a year. Over the last decade, ALDF has increased public awareness about Lyme disease tremendously. Furthermore, many of the scientific advancements made by ALDF supported research have significantly increased our understanding of Lyme disease and the best methods for preventing and treating the disease.

I salute the leadership of ALDF for their vigilant work to raise public awareness about Lyme disease and to increase the body of medical knowledge available for the prevention and treatment of the illness. In particular, I applaud the members of the ALDF Board of Directors, Chairman Anthony J. Walton, and Executive Director David L. Weld. I also want to recognize my friend and constant advisor on the issue of Lyme disease, Richard E. Gray, who is also a Member of the ALDF Board of Directors. ALDF's esteemed Council of National Scientific Advisors deserves recognition as well, for their innovative research on Lyme disease. This research remains critical to the health and well-being of thousands of communities in high-risk areas, especially in the Northeast region of the United States.

ALDF plays a key role in providing reliable and scientifically accurate information to the public and to health care providers regarding Lyme disease. Recently, the ALDF, in collaboration with the Dutchess County Department of Health and the Institute of Ecosystem Studies in Millbrook, NY, received a grant of \$300,000 for the first of a three year grant period from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to institute a community-based integrated management plan to significantly reduce reported cases of Lyme disease and other tick-borne infections within a target community. I congratulate ALDF for creating this innovative project and trust that when implemented, it will become one among many of ALDF's successful public awareness campaigns.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to pay tribute to the American Lyme Disease Foundation, Inc. in recognition of the Foundation's honorable

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mission and distinguished record of achievement.

IN HONOR OF ROBERT W.
GILLESPIE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 1, 2001

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Robert W. Gillespie, a man known throughout his distinguished career not only for his business acumen and leadership in the financial services industry, but also for his active participation in the Greater Cleveland community.

Mr. Gillespie earned his bachelor of arts degree in economics from Ohio Wesleyan University. Continuing his studies, he is also a graduate of the Harvard Business School's Advanced Management Program and earned his master of business administration degree in 1968 from Case Western Reserve University. While completing his graduate degree, he began his association with Society Corporation on a part-time basis.

From the time of the merger of KeyCorp and Society Corporation in March 1994 until May 1997, Mr. Gillespie served as their president. He was elected chairman of KeyCorp in September 1996 and served as chief executive officer from September 1995 through February of this year as well.

Along with his successful career, Robert W. Gillespie is an active member of the Greater Cleveland community. He currently sits on the boards of trustees of the Cleveland Museum of Art, the United Way, Case Western Reserve University, Musical Arts Association, Cleveland Tomorrow, and the Greater Cleveland Growth Association. He is also a member of the Financial Services Roundtable, the American Bankers Council, and the American Bankers Association.

My fellow colleagues, join me in recognizing Robert W. Gillespie, a man whose enormous energy and dedication has touched the lives of thousands of people in the Greater Cleveland area in a most positive way.

TRIBUTE TO THE NORCO LIONS CLUB ON THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 1, 2001

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I am honored today to pay tribute to the Norco Lions Club as they prepare for their 50th Anniversary Celebration to be held on Saturday, April 28th. In my congressional district of Riverside, California, we are fortunate to have numerous community service organizations that not only unselfishly give their time and talents to the community but find their own lives enriched in return. The Norco Lions Club epitomizes this and more.

Lions Clubs International, the world's largest service club association with over 1.6 million